

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on December 11, 2003.

Claims 1-3, 16-24, 26, 28, and 30-33 are amended, claim 41 is canceled, and claims 42-46 are added; as a result, claims 1-3, 16-24, 26, 28, 30-33 and 42-46 are now pending in this application.

Priority Document

The Office Action indicates that the certified copy of the GB priority document is not in the USPTO file and requests that applicant file a certified copy. Applicant mailed the certified copy of the priority document to the USPTO on December 17, 2001. The USPTO date stamped the return postcard January 18, 2002. Applicant herewith encloses a copy of the USPTO date stamped return postcard, transmittal, communication and first two pages of the priority document. Applicant requests that the USPTO action indicate that the priority document was received by the USPTO.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3, 16-24, 26, 28, 30-33 and 41 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant believes that claims 1-3, 16-24, 26, 28, 30-33 and 41 comply with the requirements of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 16-24, 26, 28, 30-33 and 41 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112 set forth in the Office Action, which rejection the applicant traverses.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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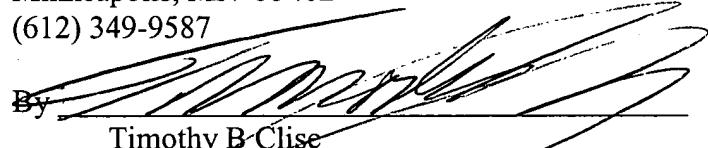
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